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NAVAL ACTIVITY
NORTHEAST COAST, NORTH VIETNAM

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A study was made from aerial photography [redacted] in order to locate any unusual naval activity off the northeast coast of North Vietnam.

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A search of the waters surrounding the numerous islands along the NE coast reveals 4 general types of vessels. 1. Most numerous are the small fishing boats which are found throughout the area. 2. Ocean-going merchant vessels are located at Hon Gay/Bai Chay (20 58N-107 04E), Cam Pha (21 02N-107 22E) and at anchorages within the channels leading to these ports (20 52N-107 05E and 20 58N-107 21E). Neither the fishing boats nor the merchant vessels show any attempt at camouflage, concealment or dispersal in isolated anchorages. 3. North Vietnamese naval vessels (S.O.-1, SWATOW) near Hon Gay/Bai Chay and near Port Wallut (P-4) are well camouflaged and are dispersed in isolated areas where the ships are anchored close to shore so that natural vegetation and overhanging cliffs can aid in their concealment from aerial observation. Anchorages are frequently shifted, however, the number of areas in use are relatively few. 4. Coastal freighters and junks observed in the area exhibit similar attempts at camouflage and concealment as the DRV naval vessels. These ships use different anchorages than the naval vessels and do not shift their positions as frequently. It is not possible to determine the nationality of these coastal freighter or junks on the basis of available aerial photography.

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ANCHORAGES OF CAMOUFLAGED AND DISPERSED VESSELS

Ile Du Chenal/Ile Trefle Area (20 56N-107 05E)

MISSION

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one floating dry dock
one probable SWATOW

one floating dry dock

photography not available in time to include in report

one floating dry dock
one S.O.-1 (in dry dock)

Le Champignon/Le Sampan Area (20 54N-107 07E)

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four S.O.-1

no vessels observed

no vessels observed

three S.O.-1

Ile De La Surprise Area (20 50N-107 06E)

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two possible SWATOW (YJ 1905)

nine junks

two coastal freighters approx. 100' in length

four coastal freighters approx. 185,' 170,' 150,' 80' in length

Ile Kieu/Ile Des Biches (Twine Island) Area (20 54N-107 18E)

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one probable SWATOW
one possible WHAMPOA
two YP

mission 50% cloud covered, no vessels observed.

no vessels observed

one possible SWATOW, area 30% cloud covered.

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Le Buffle/Le Collier Area (20 52N-107 09E)

X1 [] no vessels observed

X1 [] two S.O.-1, one SWATOW (one S.O.-1 and the SWATOW are 90% obscured by cliffs, but are located in the same place as those seen in [])

[] two S.O.-1, one SWATOW

[] no vessels observed

NW of Mouillage De L'ancre (20 45N-107 03E)

X1 [] one possible coastal freighter (YH 1496)

[] does not cover this area

[] no vessels observed

[] three small junks/freighters

Ile Du Brandon (20 52N-107 13E)

X1 [] cloud covered, no vessels observed

[] no vessels observed

[] one approximately 120' coastal freighter

[] five approximately 90' coastal freighters

Ile Amande (20 56N-107 19E)

X1 [] one approximately 130' coastal freighter

[] no vessels observed, cloud covered

[] no vessels observed, cloud covered

[] no vessels observed, cloud covered

(20 58N-107 08E)

X1 [] no vessels observed

[] two S.O.-1, one SWATOW

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two S.O.-1, one SWATOW

one possible SWATOW

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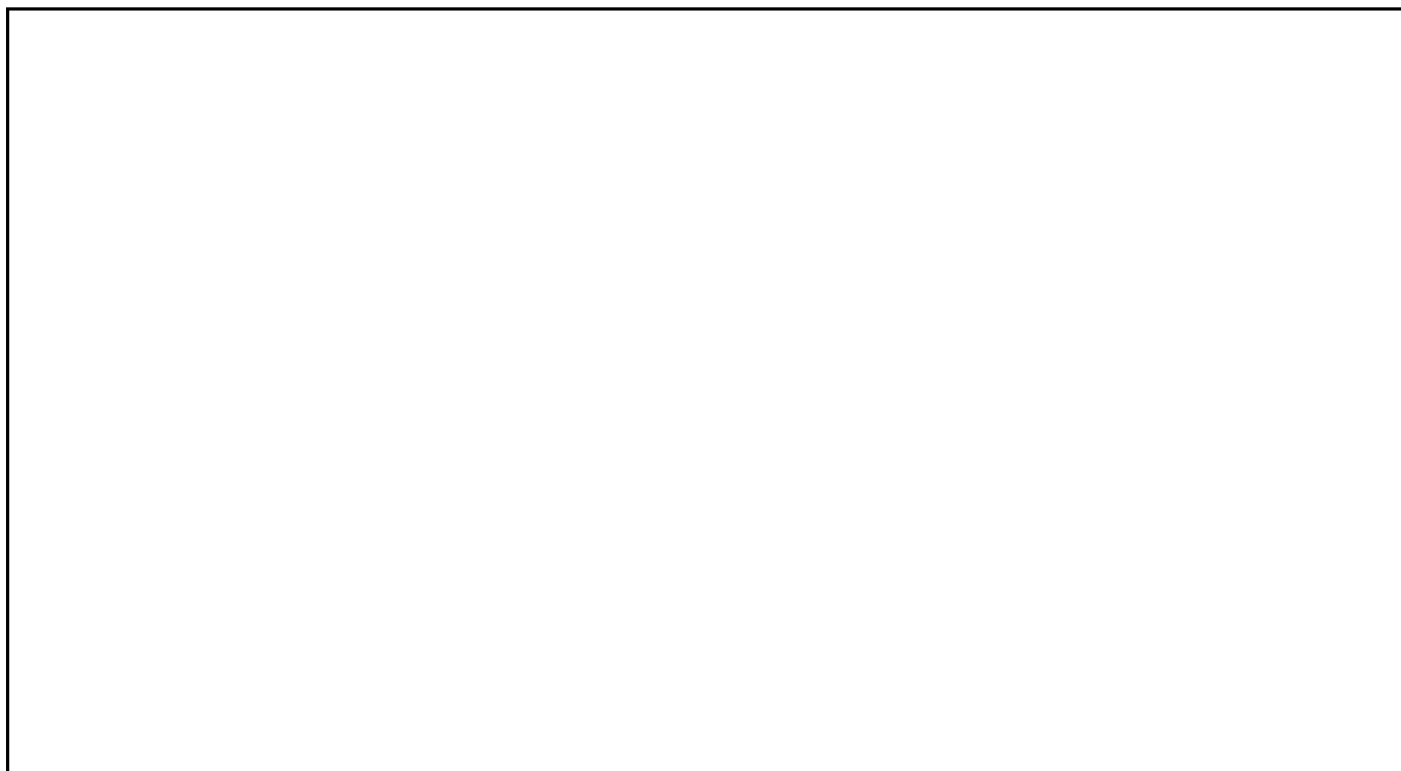
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